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Subject: Microsoft must be punished.

Greetings,

I am a real person. I am NOT employed by Microsoft to write letters of support.

Concerning the Microsoft Monopoly, I think Microsoft has acted unfairly in the past. This hurt consumers and continues to harm consumers. Microsoft should be punished severely.

1. To limit Microsoft's use of muscle to control hardware vendors, prices should be published for the operating system for all vendors, not just the top 20 OEMs. Loopholes should be avoided, such as "dealer incentives". People should be able to decide what operating system to run. A PC should be available without an operating system.

2. File formats should be specified. These should be released 6 months prior to a software release. If the software does not conform to the file specifications, Microsoft should be punished by stiff fines or refunds to customers.

I am sure there are many other items that should be considered. Others with better knowledge of the situation may have more useful insight.

Thank you for your time.

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